

PROFITEERING IS DENOUNCED BY DR. GORDON

Says Avarice Would Cause Revolution Except for Patriotism.

"Our patriotism is the only thing that keeps us from a revolution in America."

Such was the astounding declaration made last night by Rev. James L. Gordon, pastor of the First Congregational Church, in the course of a sermon on the subject of "Business Methods which Ruin Character; Rent Shocks in Washington."

He said many other things, too, calculated to make local profiteers sit up and take notice. According to Dr. Gordon, Hoover says for us to eat fish, and immediately the price of fish assumes an upward scale; Hoover says eat corn, and up goes the price of corn; eat potatoes commands the Food Administrator, and potatoes go high in price; eat eggs, and forthwith they become game of the first water in value; eat fruit, and away goes the price of fruit; eat rice and the price swells in sympathy with the cereal.

Have City By Throat. "As a matter of fact," commented Dr. Gordon, "grip, gouge and grind has this city by the throat."

There he went on to say that "a woman has no more religion than she has in the tip of her tongue, and a man has no more religion than he has in his business," so it was about fifty-fifty from a sex standpoint.

"The commercial realm must be Christianized or our civilization will be commercialized," the speaker declared, "the moral heart of the world are battling for business morality in the business world."

"We need in this hour the inspiration of history's heroic deeds, for, when the young men enter the commercial realm today, he becomes conscious of a great conflict. Several years ago there appeared in an American newspaper the following picture representing a millionaire: 'First, spend your life in getting and keeping the earnings of other people; second, have no anxiety about the worries, the losses and the disappointments of other people; third, do not mind the fact that your vast wealth, when secured, implies the poverty of a great many people.'"

Severe On Rent Sharks. "One summer I stood by the grave of Oliver Goldsmith, in London, just outside the Temple Church, where the knights of the middle ages, the crusaders, he buried, and there came to me, on the wings of memory, the words of the great poet, never more needed than today: 'Till faces the land, to hastening ill, Where wealth accumulates and men decay.'"

Proceeding upon the theory that profiteers of all kinds and creeds infest Washington, Dr. Gordon paid his respects to this class in sizzling fashion, especially severe on the rent sharks who are bleeding the soul out of religion and everything else worth while by their avaricious course.

SOLON BREAKS DATE WITH SUFFRAGISTS. Senator Penrose Ruffles Female Tempers in Quaker City.

Philadelphia, March 17.—Senator Halse Penrose "broke a date" with a party of suffragists headed by Miss Helen Taft and Judge Edward M. Biddle, last Saturday night.

One hundred and fifty strong, the suffrage delegation came to see Senator Penrose in his offices in the Commercial Trust Building. They were all ready to make speeches, present petitions and everything.

But Senator Penrose was not to be seen. They were told that he was "unavoidably delayed."

REP. CAPSTICK DIES AT NEW JERSEY HOME. Congressman Had Been Long Ill with Bright's Disease.

News of the death of Representative John H. Capstick at his home in Montville, N. J., came as a distinct shock to his friends here last night after a long illness.

Representative Capstick, who was from the Fifth District of his State, was elected to the Sixty-fourth Congress in 1914 and was re-elected to the Sixty-fifth Congress in 1916 by a substantial vote. He was born in Lawrence, Mass., and was a Republican.

France Will Shoot Every Pro-German. Boston, March 17.—Premier Clemenceau of France has ordered that any pro-Germans found in the country shall be taken out and shot, according to M. Marcel Knecht, a member of the French High Commission, who addressed an assemblage of prominent Jewish business men at the City Club, business men at the City Club, France was determined to man agitators, he said.

Sunday Theater Openings

National—Leo Tolstoy in "Blind Youth."

Leo Tolstoy appeared at the National Theater last evening as the hero of a new Gallic drama, "Blind Youth," which affords him opportunity to display the splendid rational powers which he commands in this line of artistic endeavor.

He is cast as a young Parisian artist who goes the pace until he is mentally and physically scorched, and then, by his own will power, and through the love of a beautiful American girl, lifts himself out of the muck to complete regeneration.

That Willard Mack knows how to score points, develop situations and get the best there is in a story before the public goes without saying. He did it with eminent success in "Kick In" and "Tiger Rose," and he has assisted Mr. Tolstoy, in this instance, in fashioning an interesting play in "Blind Youth," even though the appeal may be only transient.

Mr. Tolstoy's polished manner and high degree of dramatic vigor, his complete artistic assurance, and poise, his natural dominance of the situation of the play, serve strongly to confirm the excellent impression he made here four years ago in the memorable production of the Spanish drama, "Maria Rosa." He speaks with perceptible accent, but that only tends to give color to a role otherwise splendidly interpreted.

The star's support is in the main admirable. Mark Smith and P. Paul Porcasi are his two artistic friends, who share a Parisian garret studio. They added much to the interest of the play. Marie Chambers was an effective vampire of the studio, and Hazel Turney a charming Parisian character.

Howard Lange—who will be remembered for his many excellent characterizations with local stock company—makes a brief appearance, and Jennie Eustace was effective as a mother who lacks affection for her son because she sees in him the vices of his father. Edith King was pretty and sweet as the heroine, and Helen Stanton compelled laughter as Nora, from the Emerald Isle.

Belasco—"Doing Our Bit." "Doing Our Bit," the Winter Garden extravaganza, opened at the Belasco Theater last night for the second and final week of its run in Washington.

During the whole of last week the house witnessed the performances of the rather under-rehearsed revue and there is every reason to believe that the same "standing-room-only" conditions will prevail at the performances of the current week.

Undoubtedly the center of interest in the production lies in and around the work of Henry Lewis—who carries with him—and distributes some of the best comedy lines that have been heard in Washington this season. Although a number of his allies have seen service in going "Over the Top" before they became "Doing Our Bit"—he gets across well.

After Mr. Lewis, the matter of classification becomes more difficult. In point of applause, the Caninos, Spanish dancers, seem to have a slight edge on the rest of the performers. While "Gentleman Jim" Corbett is a good "straight" actor, he does not quite satisfy as a foil for Frank Henny, the comedian.

The couple could well be put third in the order of merit, however. The rest—well—the Duncan Sisters, Sam Ash, Leah Norah, Leonore McDonough and all the others, the Caninos, Egyptian dancers and all—get across in customary Winter Garden style.

As for "thrills," "episodes," "scenes"—call them what you will—Hot Day, girls who, with Leah Norah sang "Nothing on Today" made the audience visibly "sit up" and audibly "gasped"—which is going some for the ordinary run of Washington players.

Gayety—"Oh, Girl." With P. S. Clark's production, "Oh, Girl," which is being presented at the Gayety this week, the much-discussed question of what the public wants has been solved. Judging from the applause from two crowded houses yesterday, burlesque patrons want productions of the caliber of the current attraction.

Four comedians handle the comedy roles, and they manage to get the much-sought-after laughs with little difficulty.

Clare Evans is a comedian of exceptional ability. His tramp character, which he has used in former seasons, has been discarded for a straight role, but he is still funny and the audience appreciated him.

TOM SAWYER AND HUCKLEBERRY FINN By DWIG.



Warming up at the sugar camp.

the flash of steel and the bark of rifles and impresses itself upon the consciousness as an intelligent exposition of a subject that may be said to form one of the foundations of our civilized social fabric.

There is always a fascination in viewing the reclamation of a soul voluntarily exiled from orthodoxy, but when the reclamation is accomplished in conjunction with the enactment of a tremendously thrilling feud between the powers of good and those of evil, as exemplified by the characters in a lawless frontier trading post, surrender to the spell of the camera and the silver sheet is apt to be complete.

It is so in the case of "The Sign Invisible," as visualized under the direction of Edgar Lewis, by an all-star cast, led by Mitchell Lewis, Victor Sutherland, Hedda Nova, Edward J. Roseman and Mabel Julline Scott. The Garden has seldom, if ever, offered its public so gripping and so pictorially impressive a photoplay diversion as this. The program is completely of the usual frolicsome comedy and other short reels, and the orchestra contributes effective synchronized accompaniment. Beginning Thursday, Harry Morey will hold the screen in "The Other Man," a gripping modern drama, in which he is supported by Grace D'Armond and Florence Deshon.

Moore's Strand—"The Turn of a Card." Those who saw Warren Kerrigan's first photoplay starring vehicle, released by Paralta, have only to be told that his second, "The Turn of a Card," on view at Moore's Strand Theater, the first four days of this week, is in every respect a more impressive feature, to know that it is one of the finest cinema offerings of the year.

The story has its inception in the early days of the West, where Jimmie Montgomery Farrell is a young man with luck that is unprecedented even in an industry that can make or break a man over night. There is also playing his trade in the same town "Ace High" Burdette, a "square" gambler. Farrell goes against his game and breaks the bank to the tune of \$50,000. Burdette, thereupon offers to stake his Long Island estate, valued at \$80,000 against all of his opponent's holdings and again loses, not alone his fortune but his mind. Jimmie, on a trip East, visits his new property and there meets the daughter of the man from whom he won it, just returned from Red Cross work abroad. The rest of the story is easy.

In the star's support Lola Wilson, David M. Hartford and Frank Clark do especially fine work upon the screen. It is absolutely essential that they should, in view of the gripping story, which is told with the vigorous grace of his impersonation, takes upon a spectator. Here is an actor who seems destined to achieve the position and popularity of a Fairbanks.

The program, according to custom, is completed by the usual number of short reel features and excellent orchestral accompaniment.

Jap Chief Awaits Order to "Go In" Gen. Akiyama is in charge of the Japanese army of the north. He awaits only the order from Tokyo to lead his forces into Siberia to guard allied stores at Vladivostok and other points.



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ALEXANDRIA PLANS TO WELCOME SOLDIERS

Meeting Discusses Housing, Transit and Amusement Problems.

THE HERALD-BUREAU. R. E. Knight & Son, 125-127 King Street.

Alexandria, Va., March 17.—President R. L. Payne, of the chamber of commerce, on Saturday called into conference, representatives of the civic, transportation, financial and recreation interests of this city to meet Col. Parks and Maj. Lannigan, of Camp Humphries, to discuss the needs of the troops expected at that camp, located about twelve miles south of here, and to devise ways and means of meeting them.

The officials of the Washington-Virginia Railway Company assured the army men that their company would do everything possible to have their line run a connecting line to the camp and that in all to be done they were alive to the situation as a patriotic duty as well as a duty to the business interest of this city.

Col. Parks estimated that the proper transportation facilities would mean that about sixteen hundred soldiers would visit this city daily. It is expected that 16,000 soldiers will be at Camp Humphries by June 1.

A survey was made of the present places of amusement and every assurance was given that future wants would be adequately met. Col. Parks spoke in complimentary terms about the present moral condition of the city, and Judge Barley stated that the officials of the city would most heartily co-operate in obtaining a clean community for the soldiers.

The big problem presented was the housing of the families of the officers and men of the camp. All prefer to locate here, it was stated, and it will be necessary to build many new houses to meet this want. It is estimated that about 100 houses of the bungalow type, one large apartment house and a large hotel are needed to meet the immediate needs.

The president appointed Gardner L. Booth, Carroll Pierce, H. R. Burke, and S. G. Brent a special committee on transportation facilities. Robert S. Jones, E. L. Delingerfield, William B. Smoot, Harry Hammond, Dr. William M. Smith and M. A. Ahern were named a special committee on housing.

The special committee will at once proceed to their work and report to the reorganized chamber of commerce.

Alexandria Division, No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, this afternoon held appropriate exercises in observance of St. Patrick's Day. A large number of members attended and addresses were made by several of those present.

The local branch of the Red Cross

CABLE NEWS BRIEFS

Maj. Sidonio Paes, President, has returned to Lisbon from his journey to the south of Portugal.

Upon the Versailles controversy the Melbourne Argus, deprecating "political strife," says that "the present danger justifies exceptional measures, and this, in any case, not the time to hamper or distrust ministers."

A Riga telegram, via Berlin, asserts that the "better-class Letts" ardently desire the advent of the Germans, not simply for the purpose of the temporary protection of lives and property, but for the purpose of a complete union of Estonia and Livonia to Germany.

As the Queen of Spain was driving yesterday to the Asylum of Trinity, Madrid, the wheels of her motor car broke through the planks covering the mouth of a disused well in the garden of the institution. The Queen left the car without accident.

M. Trotzky and representatives of the commission of war and communications have formed themselves into an "extraordinary provisioning committee for the immediate control and regularization of supplies."

Three armed men, on the pretext of a search for arms, stopped the sleigh in which the Italian Ambassador was being driven in Petrograd at midnight and robbed him of his fur coat, pocket-book and valuables.

At a French cabinet council yesterday, M. Lebrun, minister of blockade, gave an account of the progress of the negotiations which recently took place in London with a view to arriving at an agreement regarding the blockade.

H. A. Schroeder, ex-secretary to the German consulate at Honolulu, having pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiring to create a revolution in India, has been fined £200, with the alternative of three months' imprisonment.

In his evidence before a select committee of the Australian senate, Acting Commandant Williams stated that the drinking habit was declining among the younger men, and that he did not believe that soldiering made men unsteady.

Fifteen hundred prisoners, including 130 officers, principally Austrians, arrived unexpectedly in Petrograd from a camp in the Samara government, where they were released by the local Soviet. About 600 who have been pronounced sick and unfit for military service will be sent to Germany via Dvinsk.

This week will be devoted to receiving discarded clothing. Headquarters will be opened tomorrow morning at 12 King street.

The local committee on war camp activities this afternoon held a meeting in the rooms of the chamber of commerce, which was attended by about seventy-five men and women. Judge L. C. Barley, chairman, presided. He outlined the purposes of the organization and stated that within the next few months there will be about 25,000 soldiers at camps in this vicinity.

R. C. Sterne, State representative of the organization, stated that the prime object of the organization is to provide healthful and wholesome amusements for the soldiers. The co-operation of all citizens in the movement was asked of those present by Maj. Lannigan, others who spoke were G. M. Reese, whose has been in France with the troops, and Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett.

Tentative plans provide for using the various church halls of the city for entertaining the soldiers and also for arranging for a clubhouse. An expert in this work soon will be sent to Alexandria where the final plans for the entertainment of the soldiers during their sojourn at the neighboring camps will be mapped out.

Miss Mary M. Carney, 55 years old, a well-known resident, died at 9 o'clock last night, at the residence of her brother-in-law and sister, Col. and Mrs. Theodore H. Ficklin, 714 Duke street, after a long illness. The deceased is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Ficklin, this city, and Mrs. Wilfred C. Potter, Brooklyn, N. Y. Her funeral will take place at 9 o'clock Monday morning from St. Mary's Catholic Church.

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